

# Sure On This Shining Night

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Flowing, tempo rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ ) *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Piano *p* *espressivo*

4 *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

T Sure on this shin - ing

B Sure on this shin - ing

7 *poco rit.* \*

night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side—the ground, on this

night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side—the ground, on this

*poco rit.*

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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10 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

13 *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

- - - ing night.

- - - ing night.

*rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

16 **R** *a tempo* *mp*

Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this

Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this

Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin - - - ing -

Sure on this shin-ing

**B** *a tempo*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

19

side the ground, on this shin - - - ing night, this

side the ground, on this shin - - - ing night, this

night, sure on this shin-ing night, this

night, sure on this shin - - - ing night, this

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

*rit.*

22

shin - - - ing night.

shin - - - ing night.

shin - - - ing night.

shin - - - ing night.

*a tempo* *molto rit.* *a tempo*

*C* *C*

*mp*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

25

T *mp* The late year lies—

B *mp* The late year lies—

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

28

(no breath)

down the north, All is healed, all is health. High

down the north, All is healed, all is health. High

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

31

S *mp* The late year lies— down the north, All is

A *mp* The late year lies— down the north, All is

T sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,—

B sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,—

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

34

(no breath)

*mf*

healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

37

*meno mosso*

*rit.*

**D** *a tempo*

*f*

whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this shin - ing,

whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

**D** *a tempo*

*f*

Ped. Ped.

40

shin - - ing night, sure on this shin - -

shin - - ing night, sure on this shin - -

shin - - ing night, sure on this shin - -

shin - - ing night, sure on this shin - -

*rit.* *a tempo* *ff*

*ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

*rit.* *a tempo*

*ff*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

43

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone of

- ing night. I weep a - lone of

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone of

- ing night. I weep a - lone of

*rit.* *mp* *a tempo* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*rit.* *a tempo*

*mp* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*meno mosso rit.*

*molto rit.*

**E** *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder*

*molto lunga*

*ppp hushed*

46

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this shin-ing

*meno mosso rit.*

*molto rit.*

**E** *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder*

*molto lunga (no break)*

*ppp*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

49

shin-ing night, this shin - - - ing night, on this

Sure on this shin - - - ing night, on this

Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

night of star-made shadows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

52

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -  
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

56

*rit.*

**F** *Meno mosso*

- - - ing night,  
- - - ing night,  
- - - ing night,  
- - - ing night,

*rit.* **F** *Meno mosso*  
*p*  
Ped. Ped.



59 *meno mosso rit.* *molto meno mosso* *p*

sure on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

*meno mosso rit.* *molto meno mosso*

Ped.

62 *Tempo I* *rit.* *molto rit.* *lunga*

night.

night.

night.

night.

*Tempo I* *rit.* *molto rit.* *lunga*

*mp* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped.

(for Jama)  
(ca. 4'45")